

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Policy Manual

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Statutory Reference	PL 107-110, the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

3. 00 Testing Requirements for a North Carolina License

Individuals seeking a North Carolina professional educator's license must meet the testing requirements established by the State Board of Education. The Standard Professional 1 license may be converted to a clear Standard Professional 2 license provided the State Board of Education approved exam is taken at least once during the first year of teaching, and passed before or during the second year of teaching. Current testing requirements are at the end of this section.

3. 10 Adding Areas to an Existing License

Individuals who hold a clear teaching license in one area can add an additional teaching area to the license by completing an approved teacher education program in the additional area and meeting the federal requirement to be "highly qualified" in the additional teaching area or by satisfying Praxis II testing requirements for the additional area or by completing 24 semester hours in the subject area with a grade of or better in the subject area. Individuals who hold a clear teaching license can also add a language area to the license by earning a rating of at least

“Advanced Low” proficiency on the ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) Oral Proficiency Test, and, if available, the Writing Proficiency Test. Individuals adding administrative and/or student services areas must satisfy the Praxis II testing requirements for these areas.

North Carolina State Board of Education Approved Testing Requirements

AREA OF LICENSURE	COD E	REQUIRED TESTS	REQUIRED SCORE
Preschool/Elementary			
Birth through Kindergarten	014	none**	none**
Elementary (K-6) effective 10-01-14	025	Pearson Test 090 - Foundations of Reading	229
		Pearson Test 103 - Multi- subjects Subtest	227
		Pearson Test 203 - Mathematics Subtest	227
Preschool Add-on	015	none	none
Middle Grades (6-9)			
Language Arts	78180	5047	164
Mathematics	78200	5169	165
Science	78300	5440	150
Social Studies	78400	5089	149
Agriculture	78700	none	none
Business	78760	none	none
Health Occupations	78720	none	none
Family & Consumer Sciences	78710	none	none
Marketing	78730	none	none
Technology	78820	none	none
Secondary (9-12)			

Anthropology	433	5081 & 5624	5081 - 158 5624 - 157
Bible	905	none	none
Biology	310	5235 & 5624	5235 - 150 5624 - 157
Chemistry	330	5245 & 5624	5245 - 152 5624 - 157
Earth Science	302	5571	136
Economics	431	5081 & 5624	5081 - 158 5624 - 157
English	100	5038 & 5624	5038 - 167 5624 - 157
French	510	5174	162
Geography	410	5081 & 5624	5081 - 158 5624 - 157
German	530	5183	163
History	420	5081 & 5624	5081 - 158 5624 - 157
Latin	590	5601	146
Mathematics	200	5161 & 5624	5161 - 160 5624 - 157
Physics	320	5265	133
Political Science	405	5081 & 5624	5081 - 158 5624 - 157
Russian	580	none	none
Science (comprehensive)	300	5435 & 5624	5435 - 151 5624 - 157
Social Studies (comprehensive)	400	5081 & 5624	5081 - 158 5624 - 157
Sociology	432	5081 & 5624	5081 - 158 5624 - 157
Spanish	520	5195	168

Special Subject Areas (K-12)			
Art	810	5135	161
Dance	805	none	none
English as a Second Language (Effective September 1, 2016)	110	5362	155
French	511	5174	162
German	531	5183	163
Health and Physical Education	095	5857	160
Health Specialist	098	5551	156
Junior ROTC	999	none	none
Music	800	5114	162
Physical Education	090	5091	152
Reading (bachelor's level)	190	5204	159
Reading (graduate level)	190	5301	164
Safety and Driver Education	096	none	none
Spanish	521	5195	168
Speech Communication	109	5221	143
Theater Arts	108	none	none
Exceptional Children (K-12)			
Academically Gifted	88087	none	none
Special Education: Adapted Curriculum	88092	5545 & 5511	5545 - 158 5511 - 148
Special Education: General Curriculum Effective 10/01/2014	88091	Core Knowledge Test - Praxis II 5543	158
		Pearson Test 090 - Foundations of Reading	229
		Pearson Test 103 - Multi- subjects Subtest	227
		Pearson Test 203 - Mathematics Subtest	227

Behaviorally/Emotionally Disabled	88085	5372 & 5511	5372 - 154 5511 - 148
Cross Categorical	88001	5354 & 5511	5354 - 151 5511 - 148
Hearing Impaired	88088	none	none
Mentally Disabled	88081	5322 & 5511	5322 - 156 5511 - 148
Severely Profoundly Mentally Disabled	88002	5322 & 5511	5322 - 156 5511 - 148
Learning Disabled	88086	5383 & 5511	5383 - 151 5511 - 148
Visually Impaired	88083	5282	163
Career-Technical Education (6-12)			
Agricultural Education	700	none	none
Career Development Coordinator	747	none	none
Handicapped/Disadvantaged	770	none	none
Health Occupations Education	720	none	none
Family & Consumer Sciences	710	5122	153
Marketing Education	730	5561	169
Technology Education	820	5051	159
Trade and Industrial Education	740	none	none
Business Education	760	5101	154
Special Services Personnel			
Counselor	005	5421	156
School Social Worker	006	none	none
School Psychologist	026	5402	147
Media Coordinator	076	5311	148
Audiologist	88003	5342	170

Speech-Language Pathologist	88082	NCBOESLPA Requirements	NCBOESLPA Requirements
Instructional Technology Specialist – Telecommunications	074	none	none
Administrative/Supervisory			
School Administrator—Superintendent	011	none	none
School Administrator—Principal	012	none	none
Curriculum-Instructional Specialist	113	5411	145
Instructional Technology Specialist – Computers	077	none	none
Media Supervisor	078	5411	145
Career-Technical Education Director	711	5411	145
Exceptional Children Program Administrator	88099	5411	145

** Although no test is required for the Birth-Kindergarten (B-K) license, B-K teachers may be designated “highly qualified” to teach kindergarten by earning a score of 156 or higher on Praxis II test Early Childhood Education: 5025.